(3) To improve the quality of the Passport booklet to make it tamper-proof;

(4) To improve the computer system with a view to expedite processing and to provide prompt status information to applicants at inquiry counters in computerised Passport Offices;

(5) Prescribed procedure in lost/damaged passport cases to be streamlined with the help of computer check by creating a 'Lost Passport Cell' in Regional Passport Office, Delhi;

(6) To simplify the various passport application forms in consultation with the concerned authorities;

(7) To supply application form to genuine applicants at the counter within a reasonable time and by post within 2 days of receipt of requests with Postal Orders for the cost of forms plus self-addressed stamped envelopes;

(8) To re-start the supply of passport application forms through Post Offices in consultation with the Department of Posts to which the latter have agreed in principle;

(9) To take prompt action on complaints regarding delays in issue of passports with computer aided checks;

(e) Instructions have already been issued to implement the decisions taken by the Government straightway and in consultation with the concerned authorities wherever necessary.

English version of the Constitution of India

3106. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the copies of the Constitution of India, English version, are out of print and are not available in the market;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision not to print the English version of the Constitution; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. More than 12,000 copies of English version of the Constitution of India (as modified up to the 15th August, 1983) together with a Supplement thereto containing the Constitution (46th to 56th Amendment) Acts and the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) First and Second Amendment Orders, 1985 are available for sale to the public with the Office of the Controller of Publications, Delhi.

(b) No such decision has been taken.

(c) Does not arise.

Visit of the Prime Minister of Italy to India

3107. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister of Italy visited India sometime during the month of January, 1988;

(b) if so, what was the purpose of his visit;

(c) what are the results of the conversations held with him; and

(d) how far the results are in the interest of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister of Italy visited India from January, 8 to 10, 1988.

(b) to (d) The visit provided a useful opportunity for an exchange of views on international issues and bilateral matters of mutual interest. During the visit the following three Memoranda of Understanding were signed:

(i) Agreement on a concessional credit of US $ 250 million for use in the Energy Sector; (ii) Development Project for Maintenance Centre at the Regional Engineering College, Srinagar; (iii) Grant portion of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project. The visit contributed towards the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Resignation of the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court

3108. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court has recently resigned; and

(b) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court,, in his letter dated 12th February, 1988 addressed to the President of India, has sought premature voluntary retirement with effect from 2nd May, 1988, on account of the illness of his wife.

Pollution of Siachen Glacir

3109. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Tribune dated the 11th February, 1988 to the effect that Siachen Glacier is faced with the threat of pollution; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the pollution problem at the Siachen Glacier.

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation is engaged in the development of a suitable system for disposal of human waste.

Sanctioned strength of IAS/IPS officers

3110. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of IAS, IPS, and other All India and Central Services Officers as on 1st February, 1988;

(b) the number of such officers as on that date; and

(c) the break-out of officers according to their home State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Information relating to the sanctioned strength of All India Services as on 1.2.1988 is as under:—

Indian Administrative Service	5344
Indian Police Service	3144
Indian Forest Service	2363

In regard to Central Services, similar information is not centrally maintained.

(b) Number of officers in position as on 1.2.1988:—

Indian Administrative Service	4702
Indian Forest Service	1885

Information relating to IPS is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) *Information is being compiled* and will be laid on the Table of the House.